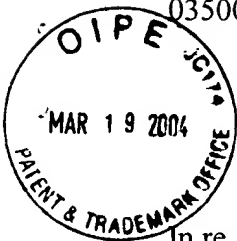


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In re Application of:

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, for two (2) months from January 22, 2004 to March 22, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

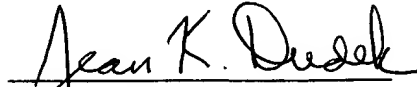
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